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Letter dated 1 December 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 28 November 1995, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex, which contains the text of a statement made by His Excellency Mr. Hakkı Atun, Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 28 November 1995 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a letter dated 13 November 1995 addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot Representative at the United Nations (A/50/759-S/1995/956 dated 16 November 1995) containing, in its annex, the extract on the question of Cyprus from the communiqué issued by the Meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government, which took place at Auckland, New Zealand, from 10 to 13 November 1995, and to enclose herewith the text of a relevant statement made by His Excellency Mr. Hakkı Atun, Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, on 14 November 1995 (see appendix).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its appendix circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

APPENDIX

Statement made at Lefkosa on 14 November 1995 by Mr. Hakkı Atun concerning the extract on Cyprus from the final communiqué issued by the Meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government, held at Auckland, New Zealand, from 10 to 13 November 1995

The paragraph on Cyprus of the communiqué issued by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference recently held in New Zealand is one-sided, reflecting the views of the Greek Cypriot side, and does not facilitate the solution of the Cyprus question.

First of all, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, who participated in the Conference, does not have the right to represent the Turkish Cypriot people or Cyprus as a whole. He can only represent the Greek Cypriot people and administration.

There are two equal peoples in Cyprus; the Turkish Cypriot people are represented by their own elected officials.

In the relevant paragraph, it is claimed that the lack of progress towards a solution is due to the lack of political will on the Turkish Cypriot side. Such pronouncements, which seem to have found their way into the text at the instigation of Mr. Clerides, will not suffice to conceal the intransigence of the Greek Cypriot administration.

The Turkish Cypriot side is willing to resolve the Cyprus issue. It has laid down the necessary parameters for this purpose. It has declared its acceptance of the confidence-building measures and its preparedness for the immediate resumption of the negotiations.

It is Mr. Clerides who is avoiding the negotiating table, putting forward preconditions, continuing the excessive rearmament, rejecting the implementation of the confidence-building measures and trying to achieve enosis (union with Greece) by way of membership in the European Union (EU) before the Cyprus question is resolved. Hence, it is none other than the Greek Cypriot side that lacks the political will to settle the issue.

The question of demilitarization, which is mentioned in the relevant paragraph of the Commonwealth Declaration, is nothing but an attempt made by Mr. Clerides to render Turkey's guarantorship ineffective and to provide a cover-up for his militarization campaign. The question of demilitarizing Cyprus, after a solution is reached and an agreed number of troops remain in the framework of the Treaties of Guarantee and Alliance, is a subject to be discussed at the negotiating table. Until such time comes, we have a proposal for a non-aggression agreement between the two sides, which has so far been rejected by the other side. I would like to remind all concerned that this proposal is still valid.

The said paragraph also contains an unacceptable clause regarding the withdrawal of individuals who have come from Turkey. This is a subject that concerns solely the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. No one has the right

to dictate to us who will come and live in our country. Those who have come, established businesses and acquired citizenship within our laws are under the protection of the laws of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

In the final analysis, it is obvious that the Commonwealth, with such one-sided decisions, could never contribute to a peaceful solution in Cyprus. If the Commonwealth genuinely wishes to contribute to a solution, it must cease to take such one-sided decisions without hearing the Turkish Cypriot side, and must provide for equal say and representation for the Turkish Cypriots as a Commonwealth people.